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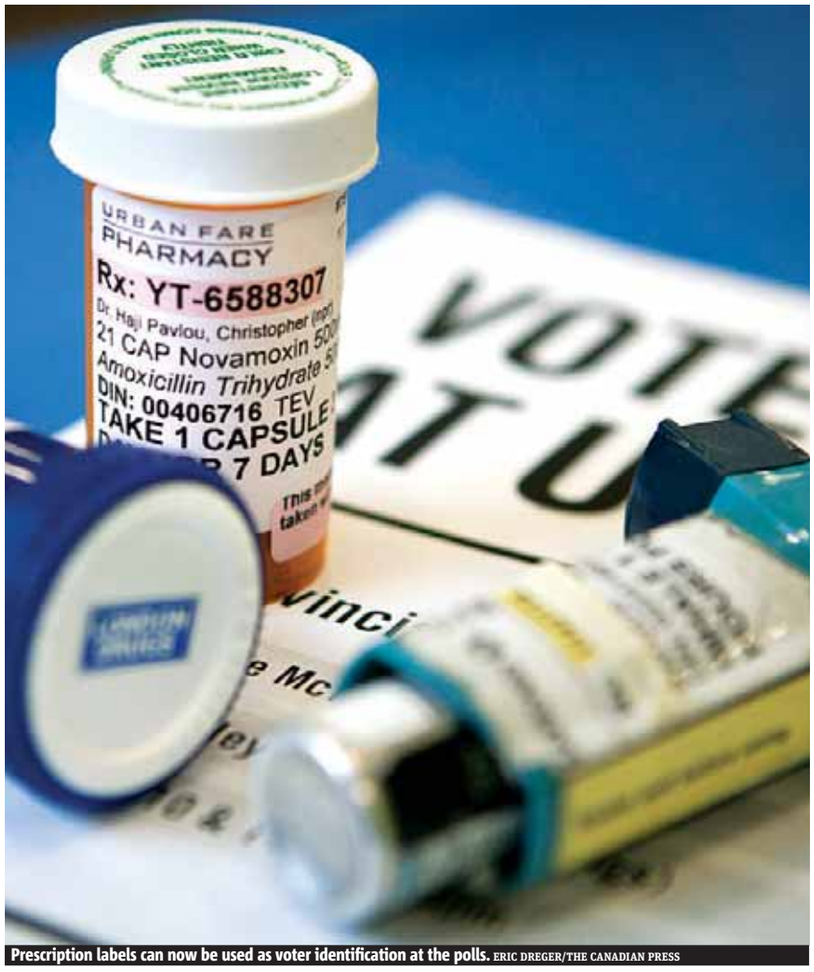

Prescription labels can now be used as voter identification at the polls. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A prescription for engagement

Elections. New rules allow people to vote using prescriptions as identification

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British Columbia's most marginalized voters will face fewer barriers at the polls during the 2013 general election.

Prescription pill bottles, inhalers and medicine containers with personal information printed on them are now acceptable forms of voter identification in all parts of the province thanks to new rules created by Elections BC.

Union Gospel Mission spokesperson Keela Keeping said the changes were introduced after Elections BC met with Mission about the difficulties people in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) face during elections.

"We've seen situations where people have been turned away (at the polls) because they lacked proper ID," said Keeping. "Things like utility bills or college transcripts can already be used for ID, but that doesn't help some people in the DTES community."

Marginalization

"ID has always been a barrier for a lot of people."
NDP MLA Jenny Kwan

Though the definition of acceptable ID has broadened, two pieces of identification are still required for registration and voting.

The Union Gospel Mission hosted the first of three voter-registration drives Tuesday and will use Maurice McElrea Place (361 Heatley St.) as an advance polling station May 8 to 11.

Those without a fixed address can also have voter registration cards mailed to Mission for pickup.

"We're ready for anyone," said Keeping. "Even if they don't have ID, we want them to come talk to us and we'll help them through it or take them somewhere they can get an ID."

Keeping noted that Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's LifeSkills Centre (412 E. Cordova St.) can provide photo identification to DTES residents.

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant MLA Jenny Kwan said the changes would make a positive difference in the riding.

"We should do everything that we can to facilitate the democratic process," the NDP MLA said. "ID has always been a barrier for a lot of people, not just for voting but for living day-to-day as well. We should really be exploring all these opportunities so people are able to exercise their democratic right."

Mission continues its registration drive Wednesday and April 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Many other DTES organizations are also offering voter-registration services for residents.

Four polling stations will be operating within the DTES on May 14.

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Where's the love? Locks cut off by the city

Romantics may be heartbroken to know that Vancouver's affair with love locks ended with a pair of bolt cutters.

The city unceremoniously chopped down the padlocks that lovers attached to the fence lining the Burrard Bridge as symbols of undying love.

The crop of the so-called love locks — a popular trend in Europe — sprouted along the fence after Valentine's Day and grew to about 50 locks by April.

But, alas, it was not meant to be. The city removed the locks to ensure the safety of the people on the walkway below the bridge and the boats at the marina just in case one became loose or wasn't completely locked, a city representative said by email.

"The removal was also about maintaining the appearance of the bridge and the ability of the fence to safely support a growing collection," the representative said.

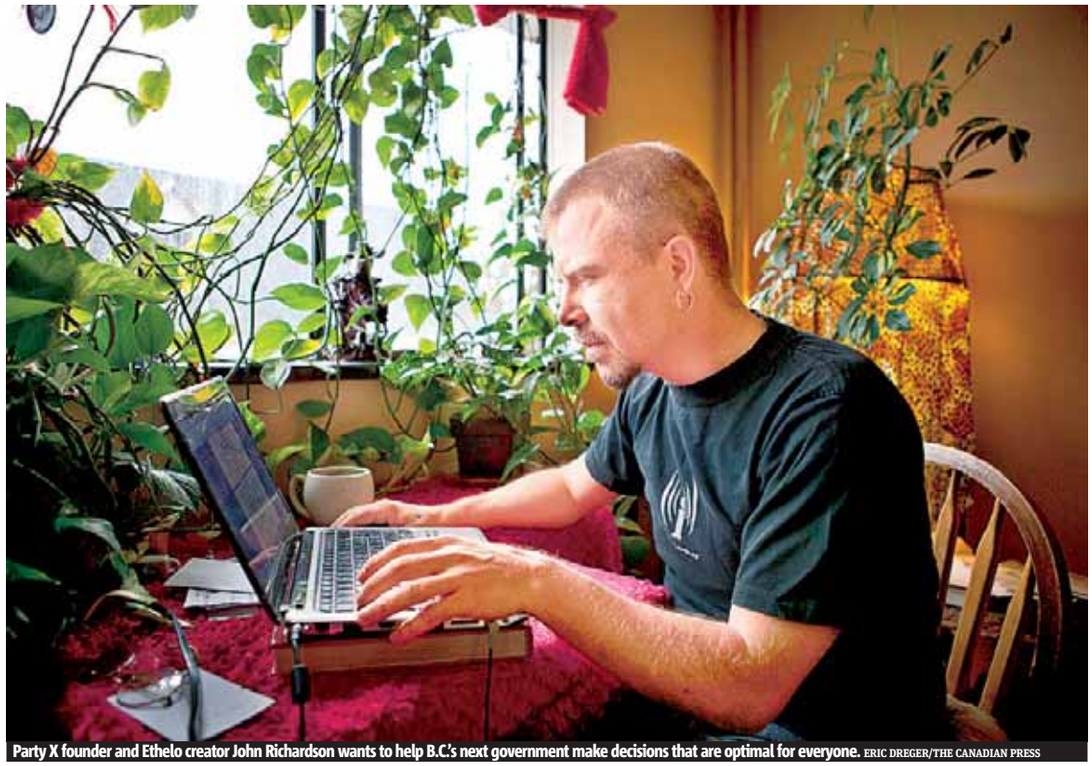
Officials in Toronto and Florence, Italy have also chopped love locks down.

While it's not clear if any relationships ended when the city cut the locks, it was sad news to some Lower Mainland residents who appreciated the romantic twist to their view of the North Shore mountains.

"It is quirky little things like this that make our beautiful city so ... well, beautiful," Langley resident Julia Nordquist, 21, said by email, adding the locks are part of the city's culture.

"The authorities say it is an esthetics problem, but who considers this site ugly? And what, pray tell, do they find beautiful, if not physical symbols of love?"

The locks were certainly a symbol of love for Oliver Bresler, who claims to be the one who put the first lock on the fence before his girlfriend went back to Australia for a year. The pair hoped to visit the lock when his girlfriend returned from abroad, he said by email. EMILY JACKSON/METRO



Party X founder and Ethelo creator John Richardson wants to help B.C.'s next government make decisions that are optimal for everyone. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Which policies are best for the masses?

Ethelo. Software by non-partisan activist group aims to help identify which policies by political parties will benefit the most people

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If the famous political philosopher John Rawls had been a software developer, he might have created a program like Ethelo, the brainchild of Vancouver activist and entrepreneur John Richardson.

Rawls, one of the most influential moral thinkers of the 20th century, believed that a just society is one in which everyone has an equal influence on some level and no votes are wasted.

Enter Richardson, co-founder of the Pivot Legal Society and Party X, a non-partisan activist group that aims to increase voter turnout. Just in time for the provincial election, Party X has launched an online consultation technology that uses a complex algorithm to help identify policies that will produce the best possible outcome for the most people.

"What the algorithm does is it looks through all the thousands of possibilities and finds the combinations where satisfaction is high, and also (where) people are similar in their satisfaction (level)," Richardson explained.

The public can take the B.C. election edition of his Ethelo software for a test drive at bcmandate.ca.

Right now the program is only taking input from people on topics ranging from tankers to taxation, but after the writ drops on April 16 it will allow them to see their preferences in relation to all the political parties' platforms.

Credit union Vancity will be the first commercial client to pilot the decision-making engine this summer. The non-profit will use Ethelo to poll its members on how to distribute the 30 per cent of its net profits that it gives back to members and the community every year through dividends, patronage, grants and rebates.

Party X is currently running a crowd-funding campaign to try to recoup the costs of developing Ethelo.

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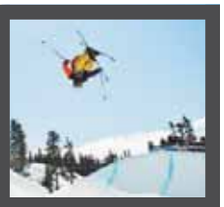

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A commercial truck driver was caught on video as he snapped off a railway crossing arm in Abbotsford Thursday.
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Impatience at crossing arm not a virtue: Cops

Stop when lights flashing. Abby drivers snap off safety barrier 4 times in 2 months

It sounds like something your mom would say: If two drivers in front of you decided to beat a descending railway crossing arm, would you do it too?

One Fraser Valley commercial truck driver did last Thursday — and ended up snapping it right off.

What's worse, Abbotsford police say, is that it's the fourth time the crossing arm on Vye Road has been broken off by an impatient driver since it was installed as a safety precaution two months ago. After Thursday's incident, it was snapped off again on Monday.

The truck driver whose dumb move was caught on video on Thursday is facing a $368 fine and a bill for hundreds more to pay for repairs. Plus, he got six points added to his licence.

Abby PD's message to the public? If the lights are flashing, take a chill pill and wait for the train to pass — just like your mamma taught you.

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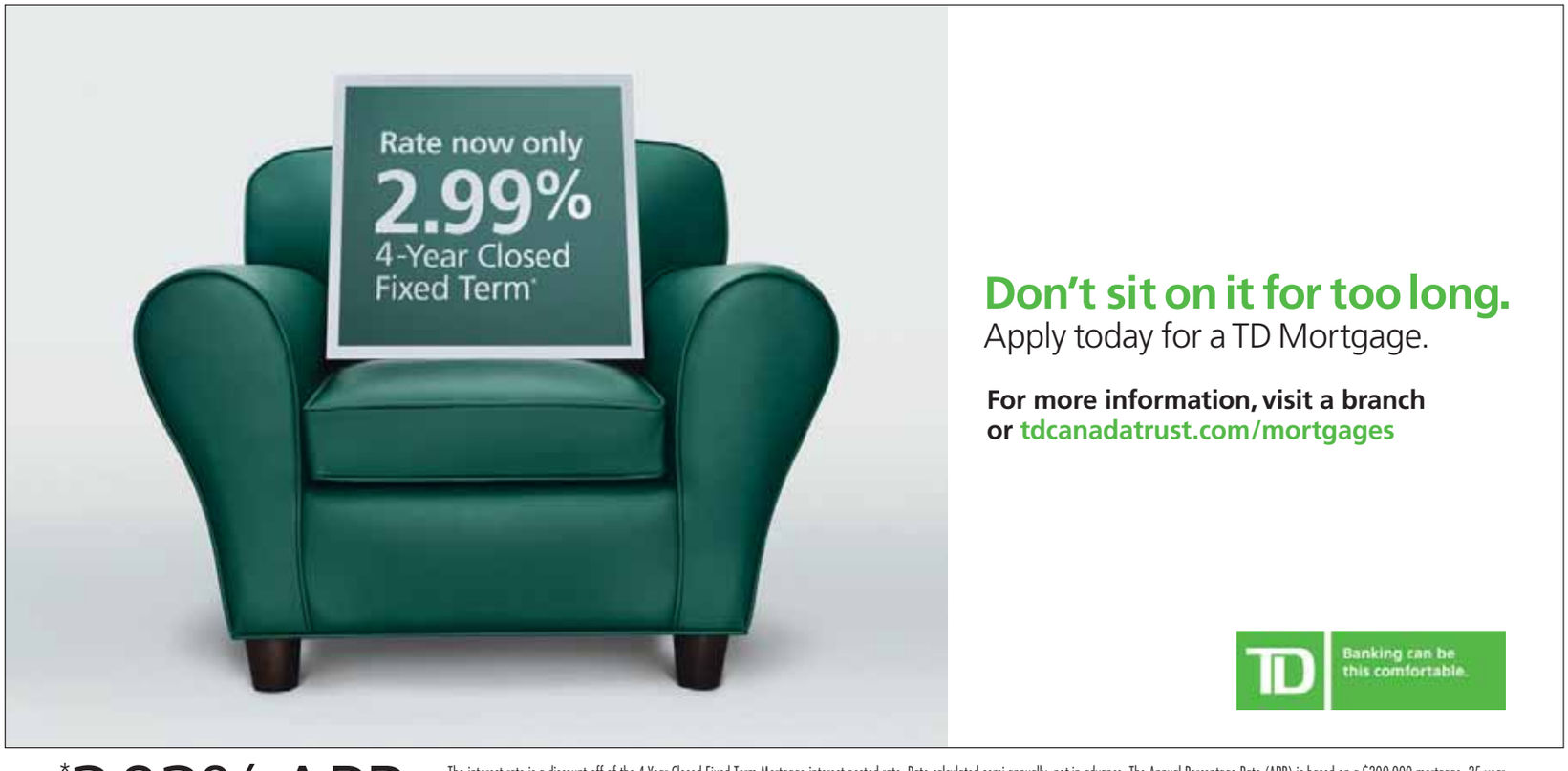

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NDP Leader Adrian Dix announced a plan to raise tax credits for the film industry during a press conference on Tuesday at Vancouver Film Studios.
MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Dix rolls out red carpet for film biz

Platform. Vows to boost tax credit on film labour costs to 40%

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Adrian Dix hopes his first NDP platform announcement before next month's provincial election will shine on the silver screen.

Flanked by Lower Mainland candidates and supporters, Dix said Tuesday that, if elected, his government will boost the tax credit on film-industry labour costs to 40 per cent (from the current 33 per cent).

"I don't think there are as many industries as loved by people in the community as the film industry," Dix said at a press conference at Vancouver Film Studios. "Today we are announcing to the world that British Columbia is back in the film-and-television business."

A report this year from the Canadian Media Production Association showed B.C. lost 3,500 film jobs between 2011 and 2012. Industry payroll statistics suggest business could fall by a further 32 per cent this year.

Meanwhile, Ontario — which has aggressive incentives such as a 25 per cent tax credit on total expenditures — gained 7,900 jobs in 2012.

While falling short of offering studios credits for costs other than labour, Dix believes his proposal will bring the province "up to the level of Ontario."

The NDP estimates the cost of the tax credits will be $45 million a year, but believes that will be offset by $93 million of increased net revenue.

The B.C. Liberals have been unwilling to raise tax incentives for the industry, arguing that Ontario's tempting incentives are unsustainable.

"Given that one of this government's key commitments was a balanced budget, and recognizing Ontario is running deficits in the billions of dollars, we believe that level of tax credits is simply not affordable or sustainable for this province," Cultural Development Minister Bill Bennett said last month.

B.C.'s film industry is worth $1.2 billion and employs 25,000 people, at a projected cost of $330 million in tax credits this year.

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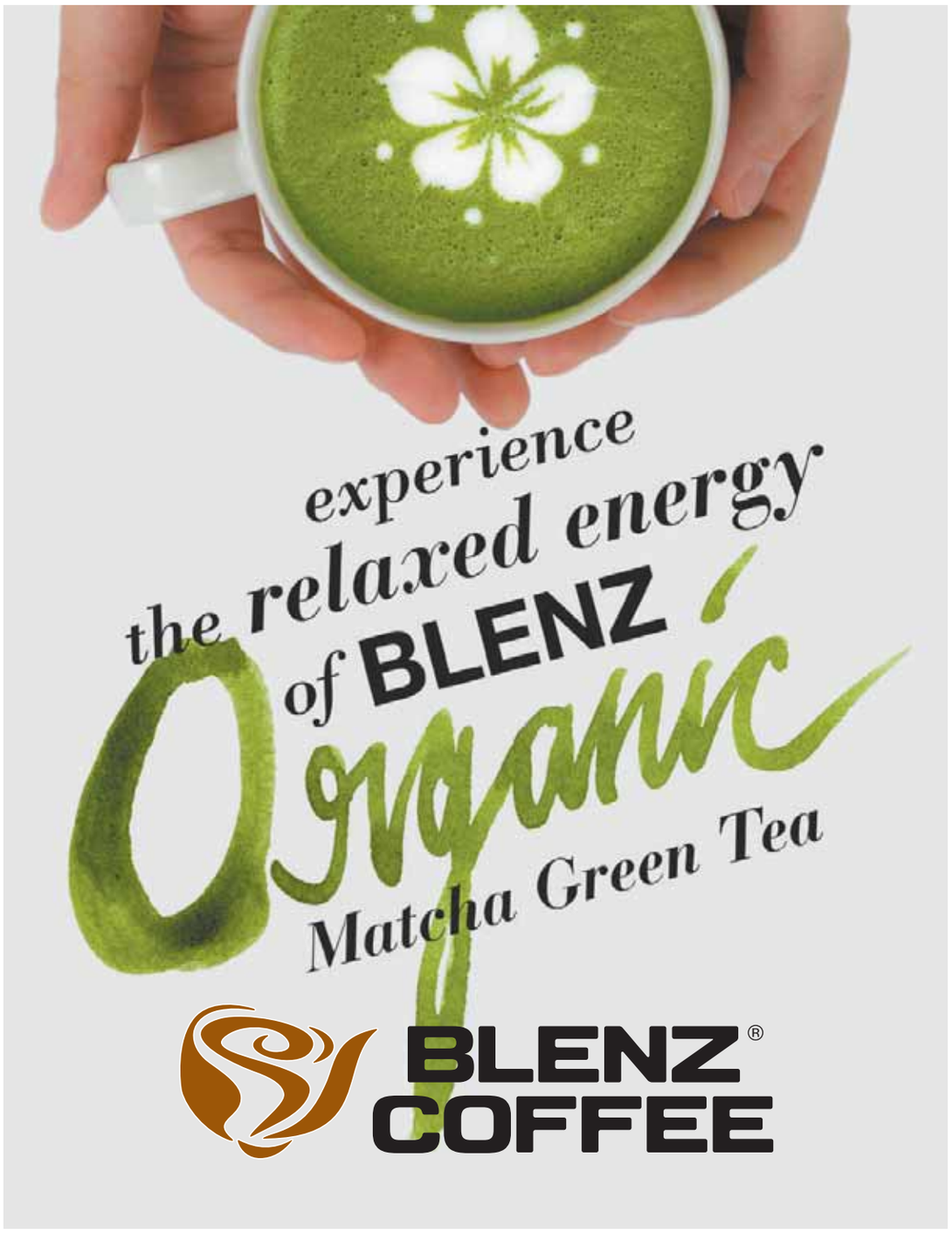
Film-industry overview

- **$100 million:** Amount spent locally when Superman filmed here in 2012
- **$2,198,000:** City revenue from parking, permits and police in 2012
- **18,000:** Number of film jobs in Vancouver out of a total of 20,000 in B.C.
- **$70,000:** Approximate annual salary of a film worker
- **83:** Percentage of British Columbians who support government incentives for the film industry
- **12:** Number of years the hit TV series Stargate was filmed here

Source: The Vancouver Economic Commission, the Vancouver Film Studios Group and the city's director of transportation



Gauntlet thrown. Dix dissed for 'ducking' debate

B.C. Liberals pounced on NDP Leader Adrian Dix on Tuesday after he refused to take up Christy Clark's challenge of a televised one-on-one debate.

Clark issued the invitation during a candidate meeting in Vancouver, and it was relayed to Dix through the media. But Dix said holding a debate without representatives from the Green and Conservative parties would be disrespectful.

"If you look at the public-opinion polls and the candidates, those parties have earned the right to compete in the debate," he said. "I think to try to exclude the Conservative party and Green party, who are also competing with me for votes, is just wrong. This is a democracy."

Later in the day, the Liberals issued a statement titled: "Dix Ducks Townhall Debate."

"This is a chance to have another debate featuring the two people who have the opportunity to be premier," MLA Margaret MacDiarmid said. "It's extremely disappointing. The NDP are keeping the leader and his policies hidden."

The Liberals stressed the on-camera square-off, proposed by Global TV, would be in addition to traditional all-party television and radio debates. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Prior Street protest

Slow down traffic on Prior: Residents

Strathcona residents are demanding a speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour on Prior Street. Though traffic-calming measures introduced last summer saw traffic levels drop by 4,000 vehicles as of February, according to city planners, residents say it's not enough. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Welcome to Vancouver

Refugees get new temporary home

City council has approved a $490,000 grant to help the Immigrant Services Society build a 26-suite housing project on Victoria Drive. The new site will have 98 rooms that can be configured depending on family size. The ISS will sell its Drake Street building to help fund the project. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Suspect dreamed of killing: Police

Texas stabbing spree.
At least 14 injured as suspect stalked from building to building

A 20-year-old student went on a mass stabbing assault at a Texas community college Tuesday, wounding at least 14 people — many in the face and neck — before being subdued and arrested, authorities said Tuesday.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that Dylan Quick had been planning the attack at the Lone Star College System's campus in Cypress for some time and had fantasies of stabbing people to death since he was in elementary school.

Quick, who was charged with three counts of aggravated assault, used a razor-type knife, and pieces of the blade were found in at least one victim, the sheriff's office said. The handle was discovered in a backpack that Quick was carrying when he was arrested.

Michelle Alvarez was one of the students attacked. JAMES NIELSEN, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The late-morning attack sent at least 12 people to hospital, while several others refused treatment at the scene, according to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Robert Rasa.

Two people remained in critical condition Tuesday evening at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, spokeswoman Alex Rodriguez said.

Diante Cotton, 20, said he was sitting in a cafeteria with some friends when a girl clutching her neck walked in, yelling, "He's stabbing people! He's stabbing people!"

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said calls came in to the department indicating that "students or faculty were actively responding to work to subdue this individual."

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Margaret Thatcher — divisive even in death

Graffiti on a wall in west Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday. While some Britons mourned the death of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, others raised glasses of champagne at impromptu street parties. And the song Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead from The Wizard of Oz is surging up the U.K. singles charts. Thatcher was an unusually divisive figure blamed by many for crippling Britain's labour unions and sabotaging workers' rights. Many leaders, however, were quick to share their admiration — Stephen Harper will be attending her funeral. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cover up: New hospital gown minds the gap

Detroit. Redesigned robe is thicker, more stylish and less breezy

A U.S. hospital has a new patient gown that aims to offer a little more style, comfort and rear coverage for patients.

Resembling a wrap-around robe, the gown closes in the back and front and is made of a thicker, cotton and polyester blend to keep patients warmer. It's being used on several inpatient floors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

The gown was developed by the Henry Ford Innovation Institute in collaboration with the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. "A simple change can have a large impact on the patients' stay at a hospital. By creating a hospital gown that is safe, stylish and comfortable, we've made the patient feel more at home, like they're wearing their own garments," said Michael Forbes, a product designer at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute. Officials hope to license the design to a manufacturer.

A new patient gown being used at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit is designed with patient comfort in mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dampening the draft

"Our No. 1 goal was to close the backside of the gown with our design."
Michael Forbes, product designer at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute

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Student, 16, takes top prize for experimental cancer therapy

A 16-year-old Alberta student has taken top prize in this year's Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada contest with his research into an experimental therapy that uses nanoparticles to kill cancer cells.

Arjun Nair, a Grade 11 student at Webber Academy in Calgary, was awarded the $5,000 honour by a panel of Canadian scientists at the National Research Council's headquarters in Ottawa. Nair's project is an advance in photothermal therapy, which involves injecting a patient with gold nanoparticles. The particles accumulate in tumours, forming so-called "nanobullets" that can be heated to kill cancer cells.

Working with mentors at the University of Calgary, he showed how an antibiotic may overcome defences that cancer mounts against the therapy.

Big dreams

"The idea that a kid's idea can be transplanted into the real world and ... potentially down the road save the lives of people, that's a very exciting thought for me to have." Arjun Nair, winner of this year's Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada contest

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Real estate

First-time home buyers expect to spend $300K, survey shows

According to the BMO First-Time Home Buyer's Report, the average amount Canadians planning to buy their first home in the next five years plan to spend is approximately $300,000, with an average down payment amount of $48,000.

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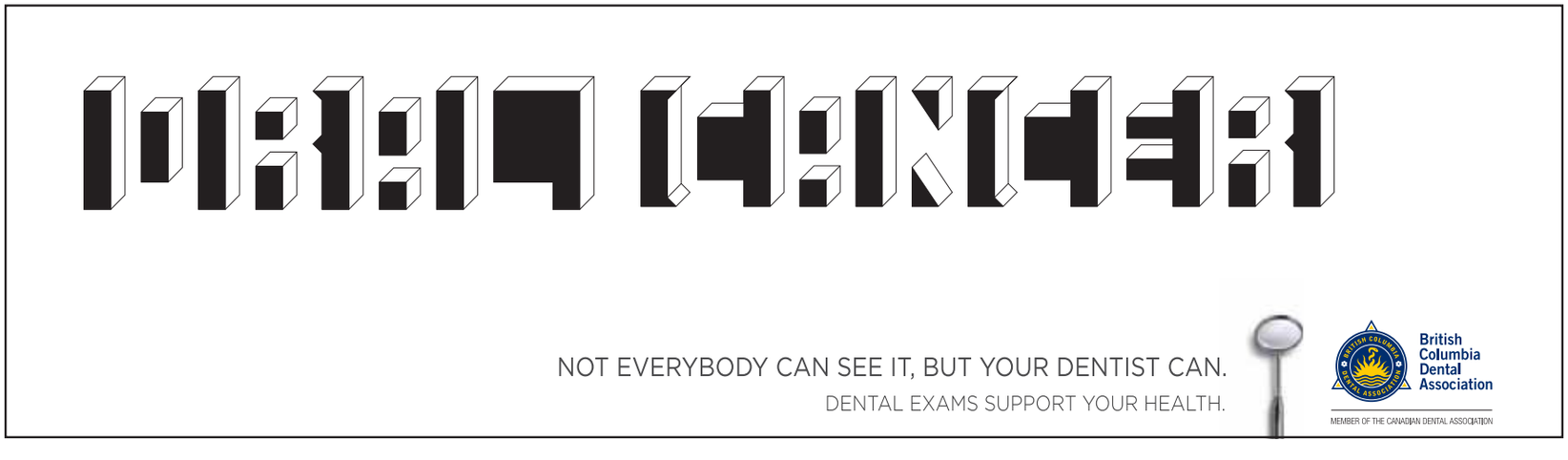
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TWEEZING OUT THE FAKERS

JUST SAYIN'

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We are not alone.

We just haven't noticed yet.

That's one conclusion you could draw from the latest breathless alien disclosure.

The so-called "Atacama Humanoid" is so called because it was allegedly found in the Atacama Desert of Chile, and is only six inches tall. Talk about your "little" green man. Easy to overlook.

A full closeup is promised on April 22 when a "documentary" called Sirius premieres in Hollywood.

There's the first clue.

In the trailer, Atacama Humanoid is featured at his (her?) own autopsy, along with a lot of the usual stuff about how the presence of aliens and their cool technology on Earth has been suppressed by the oil industry, large corporations and financial interests, blah, blah. Why is it these guys always suppress cool technologies but somehow adopt loser technologies like electric cars, solar power and wind? (Elementary, my dear Watson. Precisely because they don't work.)

The trailer for Sirius is causing a fair amount of fringe-media fuss because of the autopsy scenes and an X-ray of Atacama Humanoid, which reveals an anatomically plausible skeleton. In the autopsy shot, it appears that someone is extracting Atacama's brain from the back of his tiny skull. Either that or it's a note that says, "Fooled you again, sucker."

The man behind these shenanigans, er, proceedings is Dr. Steven Greer, a former-emergency room medical doctor, who claims to have attracted the highest ever amount of crowd-sourced funds for a documentary (see "sucker" above). ER goes ET.

Dr. Greer is the self-declared world's leading authority on extraterrestrials, and has founded more centres and projects than you can shake a stick at. There's another clue: Real scientists don't need to create their own centres and projects. That's what universities are for.

Sadly, even though we're doomed to be disappointed — ah-gain — the Internet is abuzz with a desperate hope that this time, ET really has come to call. I mean, this guy Greer is a real doctor, so he says, and the former chairman of a real emergency department in North Carolina.

But this is hardly his first "disclosure." He's been disclosing the truth about aliens since at least 1993. Funny — until now nobody has paid any attention.

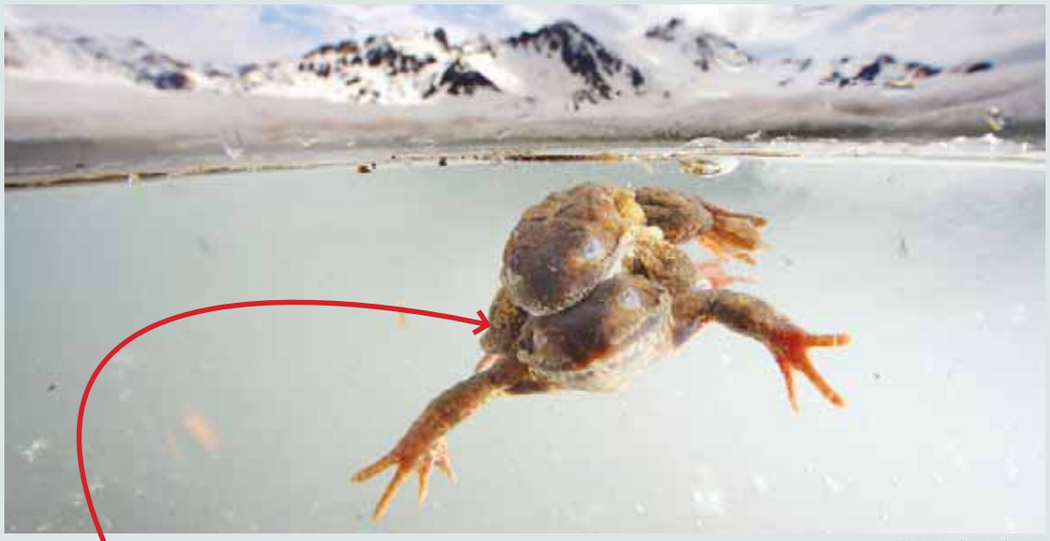
Maybe Dr. Greer is a victim of Short Alien Syndrome. It's hard to take seriously an alien autopsy performed with tweezers.

Remember, too, that this is not the first alien autopsy; that was the aptly titled 1995 faux broadcast Alien Autopsy: (Fact or Fiction?) It turned out to be the latter. At least that fake alien was bigger than a breadbox.

So, fellow ET buffs, be prepared to have your faith shattered, yet again. I fear we're the victims of an Earth-bound conspiracy: nasty, brutish ... and short.

ZOOM

How come you're the big spoon?



CYRIL RUOSO/MINDEN/SOLENT

Frog's romantic hug in icy waters

These frogs aren't fazed by the freezing temperatures as they take a quick dip in a frozen pond. The brave amphibians hold on to each other as they glide through the lakes near some snowy mountains.

Photographer Cyril Ruoso was delighted when he shot this unique moment in the Massif de Beaufort in the French Alps. **METRO**

Q and A

Camera whores

CYRIL RUOSO
Wildlife photographer, 43, from France

How did you manage to take this striking photograph?
I used a specific homemade floating perch for the camera to rest on, and a remote-control transmission linked to the camera in a water housing. It's not exactly the most standard of equipment but it worked. It seems a very tricky shot to take, with the frogs normally being averse to such frigid conditions.

What were the challenges?
They seemed to be fascinated with the shiny dome of the camera lens. Every time they came into contact with it, I had to clean the glass and wait all over again for the frogs to be in the right spot.
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Piggyback ride

- **Amplexus:** Frogs' mating position, with the smaller male clasping the female from behind in a ride that can last two days or more.
- **Fertilization.** This happens outside of the female's body. Right after the eggs have been released, the male expels sperm to fertilize them.

Clickbait

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After millions of tickets sold, Brooklyn-based BY Experience's novel idea to show live opera in movie theatres has paid off. Now they're hoping to follow up on that success with big-screen VIP tours of famous museums. But you can get a jump on them with virtual tours on your own small screen.

The Frick Collection

One of the first museums to host virtual tours, the Frick's is also the best. Start in the opulent room of your choosing, and click your way through an endless collection of masterworks while learning the collection's history. (frick.org)

Frost Art Museum

Florida International University's many galleries make their rotating exhibits — including the work of graduating MFAs — freely available to peruse in beautiful full screen. (thefrost.fiu.edu)

Creation Museum

Kentucky's contentious shrine to intelligent design is strangely fascinating, which is why we're lucky they've allowed us all to wander their halls from home. (creationmuseum.org)

Letters

RE: Snap, Send, See it Disappear, published April 9

I can't help but laugh at the stupidity of this app. If a person wants to keep an image using this software it's as easy as the click of two buttons. Screen capture apps kind of make Snapchat useless, would you not agree?
Jason Harris, Toronto

Twitter

@metropicks asked:

Former President Bill Clinton has joined Twitter. What would you like him to tweet about?

@whitestardiner: how do u remove pesky dress stains?

@theuntoldcity: I did not have twitter relations with that woman...

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After several Robinson strikeouts, 42 is still swinging for the fences

New movie. The latest Jackie Robinson movie looks at how one executive helped the famed ball player break colour barriers

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Chadwick Boseman stars as Jackie Robinson in 42, the latest tribute to the famed baseball player. HANDOUT

Each year on April 15 Major League Baseball pays tribute to Jackie Robinson.

The second baseman is remembered not only as a veteran of six World Series, the recipient of the inaugural MLB Rookie of the Year Award in 1947 and an inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame but especially as the first African American man to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era.

His accomplishments are many. He was the first black player to win the National League Most Valuable Player Award and was awarded both the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

In tribute, every April 15, the date the Brooklyn Dodgers started Robinson at first base, all uniformed personnel at 15 different ballparks wear Jackie's retired number 42.

This weekend a tribute of another kind comes to theatres. The movie 42 details the Hall of Famer's history-making breaking of the colour barrier in professional baseball. The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

The story is custom-made for the movies. Spike Lee tried unsuccessfully to get a biopic of Robinson, starring Denzel Washington, off the ground in 1995, but others have had better luck.

Robinson portrayed himself in The Jackie Robinson Story. Filmed over the winter of 1949, during the off-season from the Brooklyn Dodgers, the film earned good reviews at the time, with the New York Times saying, "Mr. Robinson displays a calm assurance and composure that might be envied by many a Hollywood star."

Despite his acclaimed performance, he never made another film.

Since then he has been the subject of a variety of projects.

A 1978 ABC after-school special called A Home Run for Love used the player — portrayed by John Lafayette — as the heart of a tale about friendship and racial tolerance.

The First was a short-lived Broadway musical starring David Alan Grier as Robinson, and both Andre Braugher and Blair Underwood have played him in television dramas.

Back on the big screen Robinson was played by Keith David in Blue in the Face, an improvised love letter to Brooklyn featuring celebrity cameos by everyone from Harvey Keitel and Lily Tomlin to Madonna and Lou Reed. In a cameo we see Robinson from behind as he talks about breaking the colour barrier in baseball.

Long story short...

The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

La Havas after a Big Enough lane for her love

New music. England's latest export is drawing big comparisons but she is showing that she owns a style that is all hers

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Metro World News

England spawns smart, lovely songbirds like Adele and Lily Allen, and its latest ingenue is Lianne La Havas.

The debut from the 23-year-old singer/songwriter — Is Your Love Big Enough? — features jazz-soul production and haunting pipes. Comparisons to Norah Jones or Lauryn Hill are to be expected.

But La Havas' style is remarkably original and uplifting.

"It's quite easy to write about your pain, but you should write about your happiness as well," she says. "It's just as strong a relationship."

Guitar lines alternate from harp-like tinkles to rhythmic slide on songs like Empty and No Room For Doubt and bassy riffs on her powerful Forget.

"It's quite an eclectic record," the singer says.

"There's an overall theme of love. The sounds are very electric guitar-led. ... When I started playing the guitar, my songwriting changed. I started exploring different ways I could write songs."

Her look is Paris boudoir meets English country road.

She is a retro vision seeped in Sade echoes and jazz guitar.

Her songwriting has a through-the-looking-glass sort of poetry that keeps the listener hooked on every syllable so as not to miss a poignant turn of phrase.

Lianne La Havas, the British singer/songwriter, is showing she has the instrumental skills to match her soulful pipes. GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

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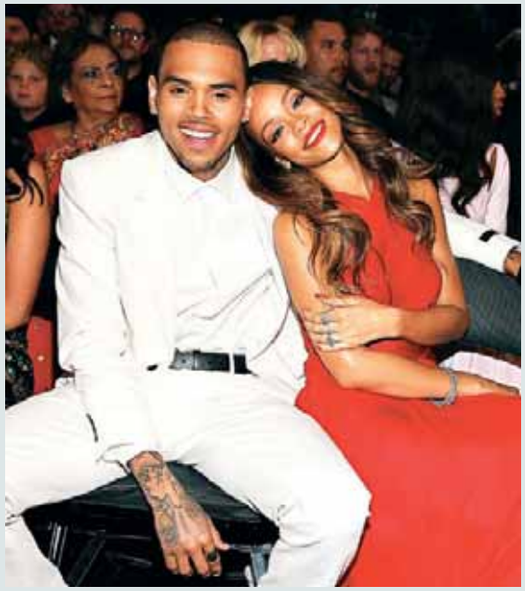
OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Chris Brown and Rihanna call it quits, probably



The soap opera between Chris Brown and Rihanna continues: The on-again, off-again couple with the rocky past has reportedly called it quits, according to E! News.

While Brown has been spotted in New York entertaining a mystery blond, Rihanna has been finishing up her latest international tour and spending time in L.A. between gigs, but sources say there's no new man in her life and that she's shifting her focus off her love life and onto planning future tours and launching a new fragrance line. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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California, here we come...

The Hollywood sign, perched on the hills above, may guide tourists to the Sunset Strip and moviemaking studios, but there is more to the Los Angeles area than star tours and celebrity sightings. Located south of La La Land is The O.C. — Orange County.

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Sweat and sand

It's easy to see why Huntington Beach is known as Surf City USA. Wet suit-clad pedestrians — surfboards tucked under their arms — are as common a site as shopping bags and Starbucks coffee cups. A four-block radius located on the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Main Street sets the scene for this city, but there are nearly 13 kilometres of sand to play in.

Start your day with breakfast at Michelle's Sugar Shack Café (hbsugarshack.com) on Main Street, before heading to the International Surfing Museum (surfingmuseum.org). It opens according to surf time. Translation? That's 11 a.m. or noon, unless wave conditions are too good to ignore. If it's closed you can still check out the names of those honoured along the Surfing Walk of Fame at Main and the PCH, including musician Dick Dale for adding to board culture.

Spend your afternoon playing beach volleyball or catching waves along the beach. Stroll along the historic Huntington Beach pier that juts into the Pacific. At its end is Ruby's Diner, a 1950s-inspired local restaurant chain. Before nightfall, stake out one of the fire pits located on the beach for an evening spent sitting on the sand and listening to the surf break on the shore (huntingtonbeachca.gov).

Shop and sip

Located south of Huntington along the PCH are Newport Beach and artsy Laguna Beach. While Fashion Island (shopfashionisland.com) is home to big brand stores, Laguna's downtown features a number of smaller shops, showcasing local artists and handcrafted goods, all set against a backdrop of green hills (lagunabeachinfo.com).

No afternoon is complete without sipping a cool cocktail at The Cliff (thecliffrestaurant.com). Offering a 180-degree view of the ocean, you can sit on the patio and watch sunning locals on the beach metres below, or scan the big blue for passing whales. You can also grab a cool authentic treat at Gelato Paradiso (gelatoparadiso.net) in Peppertree Lane and take a stroll in Heisler Park located high on the bluffs above the Pacific. The popular Las Brisas (lasbrisaslagunabeach.com), with its beckoning margaritas menu, offers a fusion of Californian and traditional Mexican cuisine, with fresh seafood offered each day. The building the restaurant is located in started life as the Victor Hugo Inn in the 1930s, before being converted in the late 1970s.

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Sea and sanctuary

Located at the southern end of the O.C., Dana Point is a nature-lovers paradise. With a number of migration routes passing by, whale watching is on order. Dana Wharf (danawharf.com) has a fleet of 12 vessels that often encounter sea lions, blue and grey whales and even the occasional mega-pod of a few thousand dolphins swimming in unison and playing in the wake of the boats.

Exhausted after a day at sea? Pamper yourself at The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel (ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel). The hotel is located 150-feet above Salt Creek Beach and offers stunning coastal views. You can take them in while sipping wine on the 180blü patio — a perfect sunset spot — or enjoying a well-deserved yummy meal at Raya, with its Latin-inspired menu of sustainable seafood, local produce and organic meat created by Chef Richard Sandoval. Spend an afternoon walking through the grounds of the hotel, and feeding the rabbits that hop around the property. Use the Ritz's beach butler service to be carted down in a buggy from the resort to the beach below. They will set up chairs and umbrellas, provide recreational equipment, and even build you a sandcastle to enjoy.

Europe on $100 a day

Cruising. A Mediterranean adventure has never been more affordable as firms slash prices to attract more visitors

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Experience all the glitz and glamour of the Mediterranean Riviera without paying celebrity-high prices by taking a cruise. You'll be able to marvel at the million dollar yachts in Saint Tropez, peer over the cliffs of the Amalfi coast, enjoy wine tasting in Tuscany and wander the poignant streets of Pompeii.

Cruise lines have dropped their Mediterranean prices to about $100 per day to attract more travellers this spring. When you consider that this covers your accommodation, meals and transportation to each fabulous port, it's great value. Here's a sample of what you'll see on land:

Saint Tropez along the French Riviera was once a sleepy fishing village that attracted the literary set from Paris in the 1950s. But when Bridget Bardot made it her favourite hideout in 1956, celebrities followed. Today, Hollywood stars ranging from Jack Nicholson to Jay-Z are regulars.

Despite their millions, you don't need a dime to enjoy walking along the waterfront and gawking at the mega-yachts and Maseratis. People-watch and window-shop at the quaint cafés, boutiques, galleries and antique shops. Stroll over to the Place des Lices and play petanque, a game similar to bocce, with the locals.

Take a bus ride along the Amalfi coast by a driver who knows how to navigate hairpin turns and avoid drop-off cliffs. With its spectacular vistas, this route is rated as one of the top 10 drives in the world and will leave you breathless at every bend.

Arrive in the cliff-top town of Sorrento, a popular resort due to its charming atmosphere. Visit a local farmhouse nestled in the hills and if you don't pack a picnic from the ship, enjoy an inexpensive lunch of fresh cheese, juicy tomatoes and salami in a peaceful setting of lemon and olive trees.

Head to Pompeii by train or bus to explore its excavations, temples and museum. The many frescoes depict daily life — although the ones in the brothel should probably be X-rated. Admission to the site and museum is about $15.

Travel through the Tuscan countryside to Livorno and admire the medieval architecture. At a family vineyard enjoy a wine-tasting tour.

From the port of Genoa, travel to Manarolo, gateway to Cinque Terre, an UNESCO site of five fishing villages that have been untouched by modern times. Walk along the Street of Love, a picturesque path along the seaside where graffiti features romantic poetry.

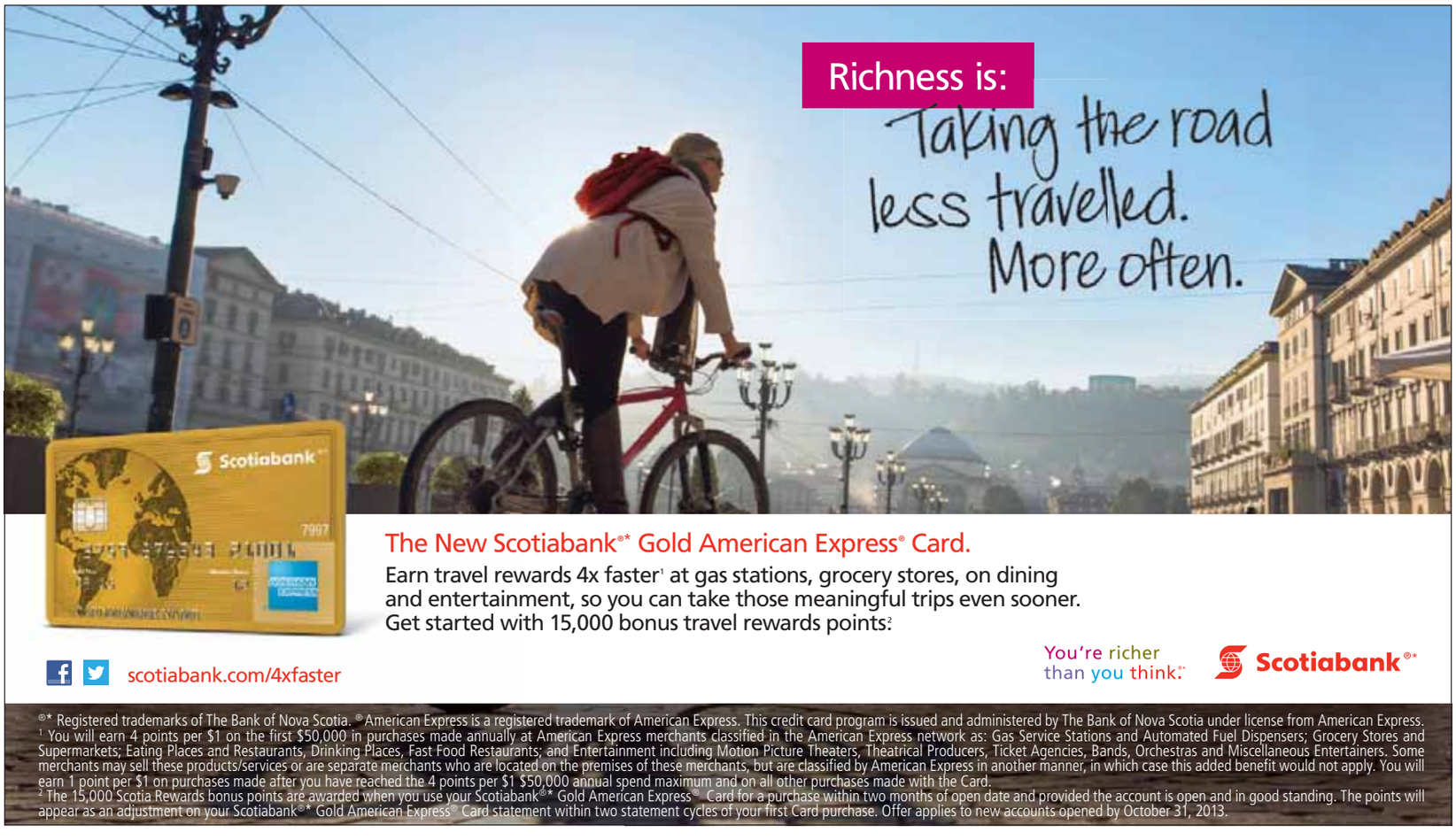
Board a ferry to Vernazza, explore the tiny shops and enjoy a creamy gelato. Admire the colourful fishing boats and watch children playing on the beach.

A visit to the Mediterranean Riviera is not complete without a stop in Rome, even though it's a 90-minute bus ride from the port of Citavecchia. The Colosseum is just one of the many magnificent monuments in the Eternal City where gladiators battled in front of 50,000 spectators.

End the day with a walk to the Trevi Fountain. Follow tradition and toss a coin into the water to ensure you will return to this unforgettable region. You only need a penny.

Mediterranean magic

Carnival is launching more Mediterranean cruises this year than ever before. Their newly renovated ship, the 2,600-passenger Sunshine, will offer 18 Mediterranean cruises from Barcelona and Venice starting this spring. Carnival has spent $155 million on its renovations and you can enjoy it for $100 a day. Visit carnival.com.



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Take time to enjoy the scenery and sunshine on a stroll along a Mediterranean beach. DIANE TIERNEY/METRO

Grown-up Tuna Niçoise

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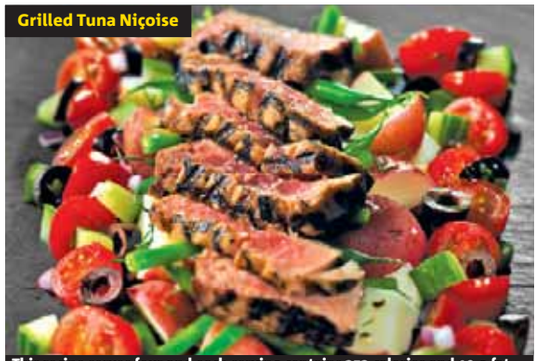
There's nothing tastier than a Niçoise salad made with freshly seared tuna.

The trick to properly searing tuna is to cook it on high heat for the time specified — and no more.

Ingredients

- 2 small red potatoes
- 1 cup green beans, trimmed, steamed, rinsed with cold water and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 anchovies, minced
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch salt and black pepper
- 1 lb raw tuna

Grilled Tuna Niçoise



This recipe serves four and each serving contains 353 calories and 10 g fat.
LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

1. Boil the potatoes until tender, approximately 15 minutes. Drain, cool and dice. Place in a serving bowl. Add the steamed beans, cucumber, tomatoes, onion, olives and dill.

2. To make the dressing, stir the olive oil, lemon juice, anchovies, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper together until well mixed. Pour over the potato mixture. Place three-quarters of the potato mixture on a serving platter, leaving the remainder for garnish.

3. Heat a non-stick grill pan or barbecue to high and grill the tuna for approximately 1 1/2 minutes per side for seared, or until done to your preference, but do not overcook. Place the tuna, either whole or sliced, over the potato mixture and scatter the reserved mixture overtop or along the side.

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Student Heather Galloway decided to advance her career while simultaneously saving up rent money in her search for summer jobs. A teacher's college student at Nipissing University, Galloway got a summer job a few years ago as a camp counsellor at the YMCA. The following year she returned as an inclusion counsellor, working with kids who have developmental issues. Both of these positions taught her the importance of being able to think on your feet and adapt to changing situations — a vital lesson for every aspiring teacher! Working two summers in a camp setting helped her get another job last summer: site supervisor for the JK/SK before and after school program at an elementary school.

"I'm learning more about different age groups, because my teaching degree focused on Grades 4 to 10," Heather said. "It's been great opening myself up to new experiences and grade levels."

She says she initially searched for camp jobs to beef up her resumé, but she "continued to work for them because it is just so much more fun than sitting in an office all summer."

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While immersed in the concurrent education program at Wilfrid Laurier University, Clark Rumble applied for a summer job as a camp counsellor at a camp for youth with developmental issues, which he later returned for two additional summers.

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Lions land backup QB Carpenter

The B.C. Lions have signed quarterback Rudy Carpenter, the local Canadian Football League team announced Tuesday.

Carpenter, who turns 27 on April 15, played his university football for the Arizona State Sun Devils, and had spent the last four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Dallas Cowboys in the NFL.

METRO

Women's hockey

U.S. gets payback on Canadian soil

The United States reclaimed the women's world hockey championship with a 3-2 win over Canada on Tuesday.

The Americans have won four of the last five world women's titles.

Amanda Kessel roofed the winner on a 2-on-1 break at 3:09 of the third period. Canada pulled goaltender Shannon Szabados in the final seconds but couldn't get the equalizer with the extra attacker.

The Canadians defeated the U.S. in overtime for gold in Burlington, Vt., last year and the U.S. turned the tables in 2013.

Brianna Decker and Megan Bozek also scored for the U.S., while goaltender Jessie Vetter needed to make only 14 saves for the win. Kendall Coyne added two assists.

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MLB

"We're not relaxing at all. We're disappointed in the way we've played."

Toronto shortstop Jose Reyes, whose Blue Jays lost 7-3 to the Tigers in Detroit on Tuesday afternoon, dropping the highly touted AL East contender's record to 2-5.

Canucks goalie Cory Schneider is in a three-way tie for most shutouts this season (five) with Nashville's Pekka Rinne and Phoenix's Mike Smith.

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Schneider cool on Vezina chatter

NHL. Canucks goalie to make his 12th consecutive start against Flames

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There was Vezina Trophy talk inside the Vancouver Canucks dressing room Tuesday.

However, unlike in years past when that chatter would fall on Roberto Luongo, it now pertains to Cory Schneider, who confirmed following a brief practice at Rogers Arena that he will start against the Calgary Flames on Wednesday, as the Canucks begin a five-game road trip.

That's 12 consecutive starts for the 27-year-old Schneider.

His body of work is impressive since March 19, when this run he's on first began, with nine wins in 11 games and four shutouts, the latest coming Monday in a tidy 2-0 Canucks win over the Phoenix Coyotes.

Schneider has five shutouts this season, which ties him with Pekka Rinne of Nashville and Mike Smith of Phoenix for most among NHL goalies.

His .928 save percentage was, as of Tuesday afternoon, equal to Boston Bruins puck stopper Tuukka Rask and second only to Ottawa Senators goalie Craig Anderson, who has a .950 save percentage but played only once since Feb. 21 due to injury.

Schneider, when asked about being mentioned as a potential Vezina candidate, said he doesn't put much thought into those discussions.

"There's so many great goalies this year in this league. If you look at the save percentages and the goals-against, there's five or 10 guys right there at the top," said Schneider.

"It's one of those years where guys who get hot for 20 or 30 games have a chance to win it.

"But I think it's just been a testament to the way we've played as a group ... and my teammates have given me a chance to have some success, so it's flattering, but again it's still pretty early."

Injury front

Higgins, Tanev out

The injury bug is back with the Vancouver Canucks.

Forward Chris Higgins and defenceman Chris Tanev were absent for Tuesday's practice and won't be on the team's upcoming five-game road trip, which begins Wednesday in Calgary. Both are dealing with "lower-body injuries," according to head coach Alain Vigneault.

Vigneault was hopeful Higgins could return in time for the playoffs, but said Tanev is out "indefinitely."

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2014 Chevrolet Impala

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (195); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (305)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $30,000

Design

The new Impala is similar in size to the outgoing version, but embodies Chevrolet's latest design "language." There's more to admire inside with an impressive-looking gauge layout and control panel. The smaller fuel and temperature readouts are flanked by a clearly legible rev counter and speedometer.

Yes, GM is making some great-looking interiors these days.

Noise cancellation

The Impala features some serious cabin noise abatement, including active noise cancellation for four-cylinder Impalas. The system uses hidden microphones and a special control module to create opposing sound waves sent through the car's speakers that cancel out low-engine-speed droning.

Luxury experience

The mid-grade LT significantly ups content levels. The LTZ will provide a full-on luxury experience with leather seats, power sunroof, navigation and other goodies. Impala buyers will also be offered a plethora of electronic safety systems designed to keep the car and its occupants out of harm's way.

Review. If going smaller is all about saving gas, then maybe you don't have to go smaller

It has been years in the making, but General Motors finally pushed the reset button on one of its most endearing brands. But will car shoppers warm to the Impala, or is all the attention on smaller mid-sized cars?

When it debuted in 1958, the Impala became synonymous with affordable luxury that conferred a measure of success and social status upon its owners.

As the dinosaurs disappeared and the Ice Age receded, the Impala's role became less clearly defined, other than becoming the quintessential fleet-mobile. But the all-new Impala that's due to arrive this spring will have new purpose.

Chevrolet's enhanced flagship now shares the same platform with Cadillac's top-positioned XTS, but its appearance is far more broad-shouldered and defined than the Caddy. The grille makes a dramatic statement, with delicate horizontal bars extending across the upper and lower air intakes.

There's a stop/start system that kills the engine when the vehicle is stationary and then re-fires it when the brake is released. Regenerative braking creates electricity while slowing down, which helps recharge the batteries.

eAssist, which is offered in other GM sedans, should give the Impala a fuel-consumption rating of about 8.4 l/100 km in the city and 5.5 on the highway, compared to a 9.5/5.9 estimate for the base 2.5.

Honestly, for Chevrolet, keeping the Impala in stock could prove challenging. GM's sculptors have fashioned an enticingly spacious family sedan, while the technical types have succeeded in reigning in fuel consumption. It's a far cry from 1958, but the idea of a big, comfortable road car really gets back to Impala's roots, without the thirst for fuel.

The diving body line in front of the rear tires is questionable, but at least it's distinctive. Nice touches include the trapezoidal exhaust finishers, big wheels and chrome bits. Of course, this is the top-of-the-line LTZ trim.

With an automatic transmission, there's little need for a tachometer this large, but it sure looks great with the silver eyebrow.

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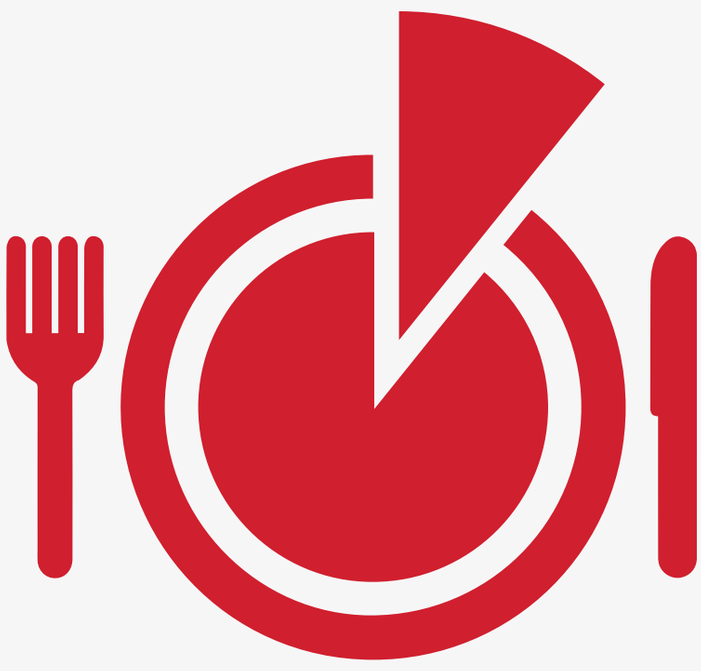

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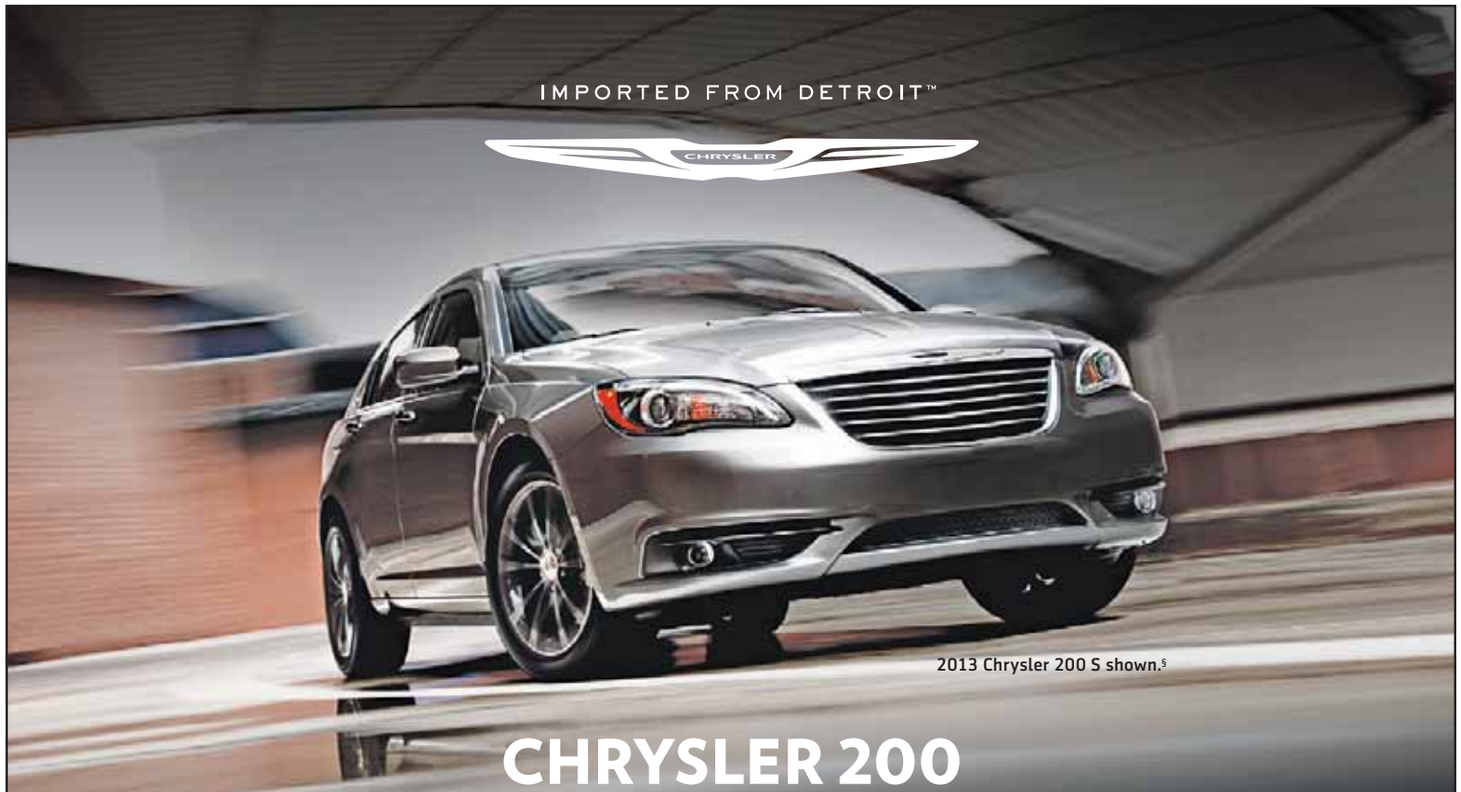

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Platform sharing creates siblings under the skin

Driving Force. Engineers later "tune" suspensions to fit each model

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The basis of any vehicle is its platform, but the concept has changed over the years. At one time, it meant the solid frame upon which the body was bolted.

While most trucks are still built this way, the majority of cars, crossovers and SUVs use a unitized construction design that incorporates the body and chassis, and "platform" is used to describe their undercarriage engineering and assembly.

"The platform is modular building blocks, the parts underneath the car that most people don't typically see," says Orth Hedrick, director of product planning for Kia Motors America. "The geometry is critical, and it's designed around the distance between the wheels and all that attaches to the suspension of the car. These components are part of the platform."

Within an automaker's lineup, two or more vehicles may share the same platform.

This doesn't mean they're identical underneath, but that they share common components, such as with Kia's Forte and upcoming redesigned Soul.

"The suspension could be common between the two, but because (one is) wider, the sheet metal that 'stitches' the parts together changes," Hedrick says.

"Rather than completely redo an entirely new suspension, which is tens of millions of dollars, and it performs the same function on a car that's relatively the same size, why not use it on the same vehicle?

"It's like Costco buying in bulk. If you can 'commonalize' parts that are underneath the car, your costs go down, and you can spend the money in exterior and interior (design) and features," Hedrick adds.

The cost isn't just in the parts themselves, but in initially creating them, since many suspension components are stamped out in enormous, expensive dies, or welded together by robots. If a part can be used over several models, it reduces the cost of creating a die or adding more robots to the assembly line to make individual parts for each vehicle line.

Once the suspension is designed, engineers will also "tune" it to each model, creating the specific ride and handling characteristics that drivers will expect from it. A luxury car will have softer springs and rubber bushings to give it a smoother, more comfortable ride, while a sportier model will have stiffer ones to create its more muscular characteristics. The steering can also be adjusted to give a more direct, "quicker" feel to a sporty model, while a mainstream vehicle will be tuned to be comfortable in everyday driving.

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Kia's Forte shares many common components with the Soul, pictured here.
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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Identify your priorities and focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. You know what must be done and you know that now is the best time to do it. The new moon will help you make it look easy.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your dreams can and will come true and you must believe that. The mind is a powerful tool and if there is even a glimmer of doubt, you will set up obstacles that need not be there.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Go to places that excite you. Talk with people whose ideas inspire you. Under the influence of today's new moon, you can and you must be as adventurous as possible.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Employers will go out of their way to make life easy for you over the next 24 hours — if they think that is what you need and desire. If you want help, just ask for it.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Let your mind roam wherever it wants to and don't be afraid to think, say and do things that some other people might not approve of. You're at your best when rocking the boat.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Sometimes it is better to tell a friend a painful truth than a comfortable lie and that is the situation you are in at the moment. Let them know how you see their situation. They need your clear-headed input.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You must make an effort to communicate with loved ones. Make sure they know exactly what you are thinking. Minor disputes can easily be resolved over the next 24 hours.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Whatever you are currently working on, you must not try to push ahead too fast. Take it a step at a time, even if your progress seems to be slow. You'll get there in the end.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Say what you mean today and don't worry that it might hurt someone's feelings. It's your feelings that count and if the price of happiness is admitting that you no longer get on with someone then so be it.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You know you are right about something but you can't find the evidence that will prove it. How frustrating. Maybe it's because you are looking too hard. Maybe you should back off a little, for now.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have high standards but not everyone has what it takes to live up to them. And why should they anyway if they don't share your measuring stick? It takes all sorts to make a world.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your current task may seem too big for you but the planets indicate you have what it takes to push through. Today's new moon will boost your self-belief. SALLY BROMPTON

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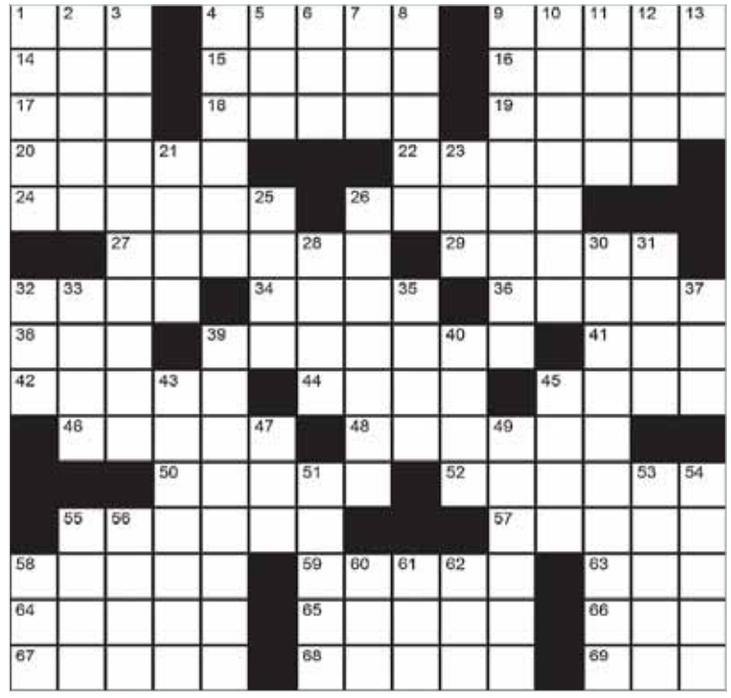
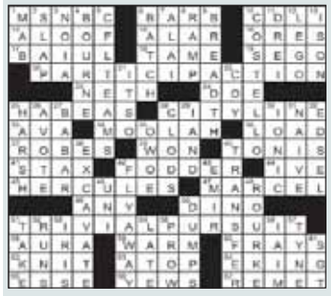


Across
1. Belonging to Ottawa's li'l province
4. Bay of __
9. Verse form of Japan
14. Toll hwy.
15. Actress Ms. Linney
16. Feminine suffix [pl.]
17. "Watch it!"
18. Tweak
19. Ms. Hayworth's
20. __ salts
22. American inventor, Thomas __
24. Canadian actress Ms. McAdams
26. Guitar bars
27. More pink
29. Adam of the Beastie Boys
32. Mount Rushmore state, _. __.
34. Deuces
36. Shaped like Earth
38. Hint
39. Shirt: French
41. Bread type
42. __-Roman wrestling
44. Scarce
45. Capricornanimal
46. Piece of land
48. Berlin's language
50. Providence, __ Island
52. Non-animal products eaters/users
55. Menu's main course
57. Official-sounding language
58. Director Ms. Coppola
59. "Call Me __" by Carly Rae Jepsen
63. "What's Love Got to Do with It" (1993) character
64. Tim of "Home Improvement"
65. Opera classic: "_ __ Mio"
66. River to the Volga
67. San Diego baseball player
68. 'Astro' suffix (Chris Hadfield, and others)
69. 'Neat' suffix (Really tidy person)

Down
1. Questionnaire choice
2. Hip Hop group, Salt-_-__
3. First Canadian Place (In Toronto, it's Canada's tallest one)
4. Calgary hockey players
5. 'Concept' completer
6. Almond, for one
7. Eminem's mentoring Dr.
8. More shipshape
9. James Moore, Canadian __ Minister
10. Under debate: 2 wds.
11. "Leave __ __ Beaver"
12. Surname of Shakespearean actor of yore Edmund
13. _.-._. Enterprise
21. "__, _ _." (That's fine then)
23. Susan of "The Partridge Family"
25. Baltic country, for short
26. Cheese: French
28. Pitcher
30. British soap on the CBC, "__ Street"
31. "Howdy!": 2 wds.
32. Like some silver, for short
33. Soil
35. King's title of address
37. Sleuth, for short
39. "No Regrets" singer Tom
40. 'S' of EMS, for short
43. Explorer, Jacques __ (b.1491 - d.1557)
45. Lady of music
47. Shoe part
49. Fights
51. Devil
53. Ms. Blonsky of "Hairspray" (2007)
54. __ preview
55. Lake __ Park in Orlando, Florida
56. Li'l East Coast locale
58. Maple syrup origin
60. __ matter of fact: 2 wds.
61. Not me
62. Caf' serving

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6		8	2	5		4	
8								5
		2				6		
5	7		2		3		8	1
				7				
1	2		9		4		7	6
		3				5		
7								9
	8		4	9	2		1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	3	2	1	6	9	4	7	8
8	4	6	3	5	7	2	1	9
1	7	9	8	4	2	5	3	6
3	1	8	2	7	4	6	9	5
9	6	4	5	3	1	8	2	7
7	2	5	9	8	6	3	4	1
4	9	1	6	2	8	7	5	3
6	5	7	4	1	3	9	8	2
2	8	3	7	9	5	1	6	4

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CITY: 10.1L/100 KM▼

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